

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 36, and 51 have been amended.

Claims 30, 55 and 68-76 have been canceled.

Claims 1-29, 31-54, and 56-67 are pending in this application.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

Election/Restriction

In the previous response to restriction, Applicants elected the invention of Group I, claims 1-74 and the species of Structure I. As further noted in the previous response, claims 1-13, 15-39, and 41-67 encompass the elected species. In particular, the species of Structure I is generic to structures III, IV, VI, and VII. As discussed herein, the claims drawn to Structure I are allowable, and thus Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the remaining non-canceled, withdrawn claims on the basis that there is now an allowable generic claim.

Claims Rejection

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 30 and 55 were not rejected on the basis of prior art under 35 USC §102 or §103. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 36 to contain the limitations of dependent claims 30 and 55, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

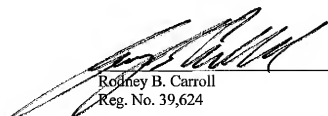
Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Office Action dated August 8, 2007 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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